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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Entry of the amendments presented herein prior to examination of the subject application is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 10, line 8 and 12, delete "(which pressure?)" and insert in lieu thereof -2mmHg--.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 – 16.

Please add the following new claims.

17. (New) A method for the preparation of a supported olefin polymerization catalyst component comprising:

- a) providing an accumulation of hollow polyethylene beads;